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APPLICANT: M. Michael Wolfe, et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced application.

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to respond, bringing the due date to November 3, 2004, which is within the 6-month statutory period for response. A check to cover the requisite fee is enclosed; however, as provided below, charge Deposit Account 04-1105 for any required fee that may be inadvertently omitted.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 10 has been objected to as being in improper dependent form. Applicants' have canceled this claim, thereby obviating this objection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes all formalities have been complied with and a complete response has been submitted. It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617.439.4444.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 3, 2004

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